

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-38 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17-19, and 21-28 have been rejected.

Claims 6 and 20 have been amended, without prejudice, herein.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17-19, and 21-28 have been canceled herein without prejudice.

REMARKS

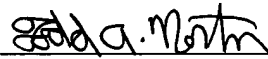
Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for Examiner's efforts in determining that Claims 6 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such Applicant has herein rewritten Claims 6 and 20 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully cancels Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17-19, and 21-28 herein without prejudice and subject to the right to reintroduce these claims in this or a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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